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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6694

BILL NUMBER: SB 176

NOTE PREPARED: Apr 7, 2003

BILL AMENDED: Apr 7, 2003

SUBJECT: Riverboat ownership.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Server

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Kuzman

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill removes the prohibition on a riverboat owner owning more than a 10% interest in another riverboat. The bill permits a person to own up to a 100% interest in not more than two riverboats. The bill provides that a person may not have an ownership interest in more than two riverboat owner's licenses. The bill specifies that a person is considered to have an ownership interest in a riverboat owner's license if the interest is owned directly or indirectly by the person or by an entity controlled by the person. The bill also imposes a transaction fee on the sale of a riverboat owner's license.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) The bill requires the Indiana Gaming Commission to impose a transfer fee upon a licensed owner who sell, transfers, or exchanges an owner's license. The fee is equal to 6% of the gross income received from the sale of the owner's license. The bill requires the fee to be deposited in the state General Fund. The potential fiscal impact of this fee is indeterminable, as potential transactions and valuations of owner's licenses are unpredictable.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Gaming Commission.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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